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RIVER CROSSINGS, ROUTE 23  
BAN PAK PHA NANG AREA, LAOS

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE STATUS OF FIVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RIVER CROSSINGS, AND TWO PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED RIVER CROSSINGS OVER THE SE BANG FAI AND THE NAM PHA NANG (RIVERS).

2. REMARKS:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT ROUTE 23 SOUTH OF ROUTE 12 IS A MAJOR ROUTE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF VIET CONG SUPPLIES AND TROOPS TOWARD THE INFILTRATION ROUTES WHICH LEAD INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. MISSION READOUT:



REVEAL THE STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING RIVER CROSSINGS AND BY-PASS ROADS ON ROUTE 23 IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE:

THE DESTROYED BRIDGE AND FORD AT 1726N 10542E (UTM WE752276) IS UNSERVICEABLE AND THE BY-PASS ROAD IS IN DISUSE.

THE CONSTRUCTED FORD AT 1724N 10543E (UTM WE770252) IS SERVICEABLE AND THE BY-PASS ROAD IS IN USE.

THE DESTROYED BRIDGE ON ROUTE 23 AT 1723N 10544E (UTM WE782237) IS UNSERVICEABLE.

A NEWLY IDENTIFIED BY-PASS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST FROM

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ROUTE 23 BY-PASS ROAD AT 1723N 10544E, CROSSES THE NAM PHA NANG BY USE OF A SERVICEABLE FORD, AND CONNECTS WITH ROUTE 23 AT 1722N 10543E.

THE DESTROYED BRIDGE AT 1723N 10544E (UTM WE782227) HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A SERVICEABLE FORD. THE BY-PASS ROAD APPEARS TO BE IN USE.

THE FERRY CROSSING AT 1723N 10544E (UTM WE 792237) IS SERVICEABLE AND THE BY-PASS ROAD IS IN USE.

A NEWLY REPORTED BY-PASS ROAD IS OBSERVED EXTENDING WEST AND THEN SOUTH FROM ROUTE 23 AT 1724N 10544E. THE ROAD CONNECTS WITH A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY-PASS ROAD AT 1723N 10544E. THE FORD ACROSS THE SE BANG FAI IS UNSERVICEABLE. AN UNOCCUPIED LIGHT AAA SITE IS LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE DESTROYED FORD.



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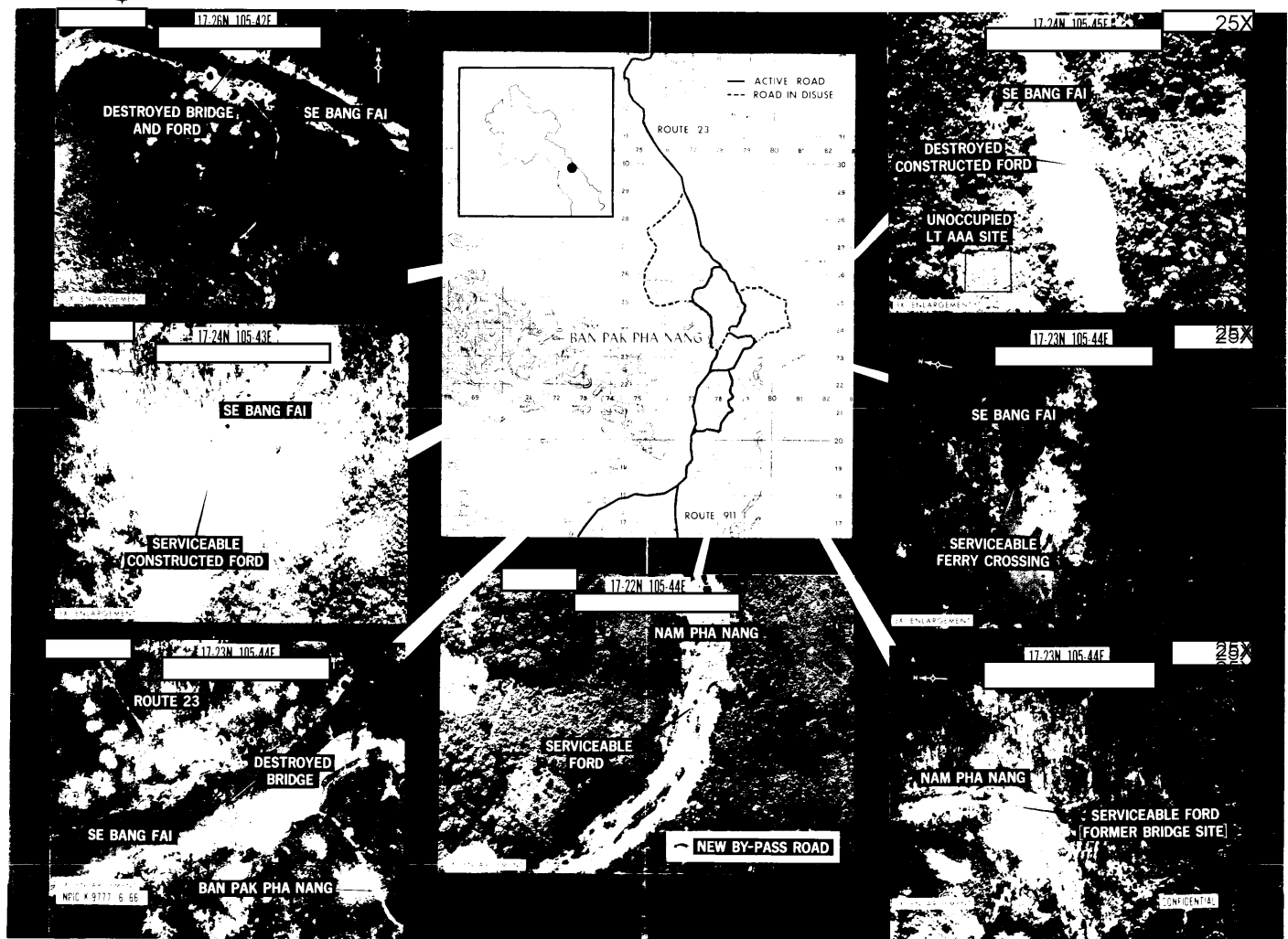
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